

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: MATSUMURA et al  
Serial No.: 10/531,699  
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For: Ultrasound Diagnostic Apparatus  
Art Unit: 3768  
Examiner: E. Weatherby  
Conf. No.: 2227

**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 18, 2007

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the first month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed August 22, 2007.

An electronic payment in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is being submitted concurrently herewith.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 529.44847X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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